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In re Application of :
SONG, Brian Xiaoqing *et al* :
U.S. Application No.: 10/019,175 :
PCT No.: PCT/US00/18070 :
Int. Filing Date: 30 June 2000 :
Priority Date: 01 July 1999 :
Attorney Docket No.: 7652 :
For: TRANSPARENT OR TRANSLUCENT, :
LIQUID OR GEL TYPE AUTOMATIC :
DISHWASHING DETERGENT :
PRODUCT :

**DECISION ON
PETITION UNDER
37 CFR 1.182**

This decision is in response to applicants' "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 to Accept Affidavit for Change of Inventor's Name" filed 21 October 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 12 August 2002, a communication was mailed notifying applicants that the declaration submitted on 21 December 2001 was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 because the first named inventor signed his name as Xiaoqing Song despite changing his name to Brian Xiaoqing Song. Applicants were given two months to provide a name change pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182.

On 21 October 2002, applicants provided the instant petition which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a signed affidavit and a new declaration.

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DISCUSSION

Section 605.04(c), *Inventor Changes Name*, of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) states, in part:

The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names and setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

In the instant petition, applicants have provided an affidavit signed by the inventor listing the prior name and the new name, *i.e.*, Xiaoqing Song and Brian Xiaoqing. Applicants also included authorization to charge the \$130.00 petition fee to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

This meets the requirements of the MPEP to change an inventor's name.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is hereby **GRANTED**.

The declaration provided with the instant petition listing the inventor's new name complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a) & (b).

Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 30 June 2000, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of **21 October 2002**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing



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